

✓ Page 2, line 27, please delete "This objective is achieved by a felt with the characteristics given in Claim 1."

✓ Page 7, line 17, please insert the heading -- Brief Description of the Figures --.

✓ Page 7, line 27, please insert the heading -- Detailed Description of the Invention --.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

8. (Amended) Felt according to claim 1, characterized in that monofils (110) used to form the twisted structure have a diameter in the range from 0.1 mm to 0.9 mm.

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9. (Amended) Felt according to claim 1, characterized in that the twisted structure (10) has a mean outside diameter in the range from 0.3 mm to 1.0 mm.

10. (Amended) Felt according to claim 1, characterized by a transverse-thread density above 130 transverse threads per 10 cm.

**REMARKS**

Applicants provide the present Preliminary Amendment concurrent with the filing of the present application to comply with the requirements of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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